

### **REMARKS**

This responds to the Office Action dated June 14, 2006.

Claims 3, 4, 10, 13, 14, 17, 23, 27, and 28 are amended, claims 1, 2, 5-9, 11, 12, 15, 16, 19-22, 25, 26, 30-31, and 33-36 are canceled, and no claims are added; as a result, claims 3, 4, 10, 13, 14, 17, 18, 23, 24, 27-29, and 32 remain pending in this application.

Those claims amended or canceled are without waiver or disclaimer and put forth in the interest of expediting allowance and not for purposes of overcoming specific art. Applicant reserves the right to later file a divisional or continuation application including such claims.

### **Interview Summary**

Applicant thanks Examiner Patricia T. Nguyen for the courtesy of a brief telephone interview on August 14, 2006 with Applicant's representative David W. Black for purposes of confirming the status of the pending claims. No art was discussed.

### **§102 Rejection of the Claims**

Claims 1, 2, 5-9, 11, 12, 15, 16, 19-22, 25, and 33-36 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by Candage et al. (U.S. 5,959,490).

Claims 1, 2, 5-9, 11, 12, 15, 16, 19-22, 25, and 33-36 are canceled.

### **§103 Rejection of the Claims**

Claims 26, 30, and 31 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Candage et al. (U.S. 5,959,490).

Claims 26, 30 and 31 are canceled.

### **Allowable Subject Matter**

Claims 3, 4, 10, 13, 14, 17, 18, 23, 24, and 27-29 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant has amended claims 3, 4, 10, 13, 14, 17, 23, 27, and 28 to recite the independent claim from which each depends. In addition, dependent claims 18, 24 and 29 remain as originally presented.

Applicant notes the absence of a rejection or objection as to claim 32. As such, Applicant has amended claim 32 to recite the subject matter of the independent claim from which it depends.

A notice of allowance as to claims 3, 4, 10, 13, 14, 17, 18, 23, 24, 27-29, and 32 is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (612) 373-6911 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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